Duping by Kuwaiti Agencies

3893. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry about the dubious manpower agencies, operating from Kuwait, which are duping unsuspecting young men in league with their agents in India;

(b) if so, whether several other manpowr agencies in Gulf countries are also duping the Indian and whether Government's request to blacklist such agencies has been honoured by them;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check functioning of such agencies in league with their agents in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) The Indian Embassy in Kuwait has formally brought to the notice of the Kuwaiti authorities the involvement of manpower agencies of Kuwait which recruit workers from India on false promises.

(b) and (c) Occasionally ther are reports from other Gulf countries where workers from India are recruited on false promises. Such cases are brought to the attention of the country concerned.

(d) During the year 2001 Government black listed 10 manpower agencies from Gulf countries. As regards recruiting agents in India show cause notices are issued to them and in case the reply is not found convincing, the licence of the recruiting agents is suspended/ cancelled.

Prime Minister's Visit to Singapore and Cambodia

3894. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will The Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has visited Singapore and Cambodia in the month of April, 2002;